

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the previous amendments and the following remarks.

At the outset, appreciation is expressed to Examiner Garcia for acknowledging that Claims 4-8, 25 and 26 recite patentably distinguishing subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 4 is rewritten in independent form, and Claim 1 is amended to correspond to Claim 5 rewritten in independent form. The dependent claims all ultimately depend from either allowable Claim 1 or allowable Claim 4.

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that this entire application is now in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action with respect to this application is therefore respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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